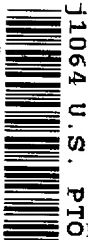


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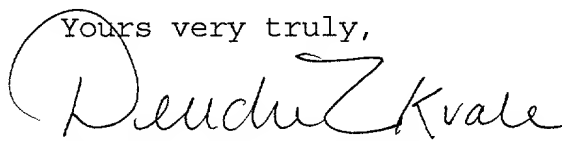
Enclosed for filing are the following papers in connection with the above-identified patent application:

1. Complete specification and claims.
9 pages Specification
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2. Unexecuted Declaration (2 pages).
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